has been extending Grants-in-Aid to TRIFED to compensate the losses suffered by it in the past in operations relating to procurement, storage and sale of Minor Forest Produce.

Assistance for Tribal Areas in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh

3168. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation to assist the tribal areas in West Godavari of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have made any effort to sanction special package for this area which will suffer from serious future displacement;

(c) the details of any proposals submitted by Andhra Government for West Godavari district specific assistance;

(d) what has been done with such proposals; and

(e) the steps proposed to fulfil these requirements?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do notarise.

Rehabilitation for Tribals

3169. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have specific rules for relief, rehabilitation of tribals who will be moved out due to irrigation and other river project;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are not protecting tribals by not ensuring that they get land and houses only in Scheduled areas;

(c) what steps will be taken to write to all State Governments to ensure that all displaced tribals will get housing and ternd only in recognized Scheduled areas; and

(d) the steps proposed to enforce such a rule immediately in the interest of tribals?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) The National Policy on Relief and Rehabilitation, 2003, notified by the

Government of India in the Ministry of Rural Development, provides specific guidelines for resettlement and rehabilitation of all Project Affect Families (PAFs) including tribal PAFs.

(b) to (d) The Policy *interalia* has the provision for allotment of agricultural land up to one hectare of irrigated land or two hectares of unirrigated land/ cultivable waste land wherever Government land is available, and house site alongwith financial assistance for house construction, and cash compensation for a certain period of time. For those cases which are referred to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for clearance, this Ministry has been insisting that the tribal who have been displaced from the Scheduled Areas, should be resettled only within the Scheduled Areas.

Scheduled tribes in Tamil Nadu

3170. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Scheduled Tribes in the State of Tamil Nadu, tribe-wise alongwith there dwelling areas;

(b) whether Government have chalked out any specific plan for the development of tribes in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made/proposed to be made thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBALAFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) The State-wise notifed scheduled tribes and their total population in the States, including the State of Tamil Nadu are given in Annual Report of the Ministry for 2005-06, already laid down in the Parliament. As per 2001 Census, the total population of scheduled tribes in Tamil Nadu is 6,51,321. The tribe-wise population figures are maintained by the respective State Governments.

(b) to (d) The Ministry has been implementing various schemes for the development of scheduled tribes in the country, including the State of Tamil Nadu. The details of Schemes being implemented in the State and funds released by the Ministry during the last three years are given in the Statement.